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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 38, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0144] In the case in which the maximum focusing value > the focusing value is not given, after changing to the maximum value lens position = the lens position counter and the maximum focusing value = the focusing value (a step S39), the system decides whether or not the lens 26 is in a final lens position (a step S40). In the case in which the lens 26 is not in the final lens position, the system decides whether or not to perform the forced shutter process (the shutter process in the middle of a focusing action) (a step S41). This forced shutter process, as described before, is a process which takes an image by shifting the side key 204 to the state of the full-push from the state of the half-push during the AF. In the case in which the forced shutter process is not given, the system executes a finder image making process before the completion of focusing by the AF (a step S42), and displays a finder image based on that making (a step S43). In the case in which the maximum focusing value > the focusing value is given at the step S38, the system proceeds to the step S40 without entering the process of the step S39, and performs the processes of the steps S41 through S43.